GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FENCING ON BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second phase of fencing along the Indo-Bangla border in South Bengal has hit a roadblock due to shifting of villages;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiations with Bangladesh rifles have been made in the past few months to clear the hurdles on fencing;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which entire fencing on Indo-Bangla border is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e) : No Sir, However, since the border fence on the Indo-Bangladesh border is being constructed at a minimum distance of about 150 yards from the zero line in terms of the Joint India-Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities, 1975, finalization of alignment of the proposed fence poses difficulties in areas where villages are located at or near the zero line. In the last Director General level Talks between Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles, the question of erecting fencing within 150 yards of the zero line in accordance with the objectives of the Joint India-Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities, 1975 when ground limitations do not permit such fence beyond 150 yards of the zero line, was discussed.

The entire project of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border is targeted to be completed by 2007.